

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Naruhito KONDO et al.  
Title: METHOD OF TREATING  
WASTE FROM NUCLEAR  
FUEL HANDLING FACILITY  
AND APPARATUS FOR  
CARRYING OUT THE SAME

Prior Appl. No.: 09/393,317

Prior Appl. Filing Date: September 10, 1999

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: Unassigned

**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

☐ Continuation ☒ Division ☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claims, and Abstract (30 pages).
- ☒ Informal drawings (20 sheets, Figures 1-20).
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Request for Approval of Drawing Amendment.

- ☒ Transmittal of Formal Drawings (20 sheets, Figures 1-20)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☒ Form PTO-1449.

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	Claims as Filed	Included in Basic Fee	Extra Claims	Rate	Fee Totals
Basic Fee				\$710.00	\$710.00
Total Claims:	21	- 20	= 1	x \$18.00	= \$18.00
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$728.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ The required filing fees are not enclosed but will be submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPARATUS FOR CARRYING  
OUT THE SAME

Appl. No.: Div. of 09/393,317

Filing Date: 08/29/2001

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Art Unit: ~~Unassigned~~ *1741*

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**TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: DRAWING REVIEW BRANCH

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the formal drawings (20 sheets, Figures 1-20) for the above-identified application, as submitted in the parent application.

Fig. 20 includes the proposed drawing correction requested concurrently herewith. The Official Draftsperson is respectfully requested to approve these drawings for entry into the application.

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**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DRAWINGS**

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Attn: Official Draftsman

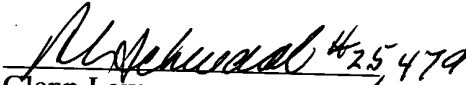
Sir:

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Fig. 20 in the above-captioned application be changed to add "Prior Art" to the caption as shown in red on the copy of the figure provided herewith, which was submitted in the parent application.

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